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Call for Proposals

11th Annual Chinese Teaching Conference, 6 & 7 June 2014
IOE Confucius Institute for Schools
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We invite you to submit a session proposal for this year's conference (see guidance overleaf).

Deadline: Session proposals are due by **5pm, Friday 21 February 2014**

Topic areas

This year's conference theme is ***Chinese Teaching Today: Who? What? How?***

We are seeking session proposals in the following areas:

- **China today:** Contemporary Chinese art, music, literature, film, etc. for the classroom; what aspects of contemporary Chinese culture and society can support language learning and other school subjects? How?
- **Learning today:** New and innovative approaches in teaching one or two of the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking); technology-based solutions for effective learning.
- **Curriculum models and transitions:** Target language use; CLIL (content and language integrated learning); experiences of immersion; approaches to offering a coherent learning journey from one level to the next.
- **Assessment:** Effective and creative ways to integrate formative and summative assessment in each of the four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening); attainment measures for learning progression; assessment tools and technology.
- **Cross-curricular links:** Innovative ideas from other subjects; examples of interdepartmental collaboration.
- **Partnerships and sustainability:** Partner schools in China; involving businesses and other organisations to support learning in Mandarin and about China; budget management and innovation.
- **Teacher development and sustainability:** Inspirational school leadership; managing your own professional development and achieving your career aims; successful working relationships and learning from colleagues; supporting initial teacher training; lessons from research and updates on ongoing action research projects.
- **Primary school Mandarin Chinese:** Case studies of successful language learning at infant and junior levels; approaches to managing transitions to secondary schools; schemes of work and learning activities
- **Sixth form and transitions to university:** New and effective teaching and learning ideas at this level; ideas to inspire and stretch post-16 students, e.g. extracurricular opportunities; university course options for students and ideas for outstanding applications; examples of school/college and university collaboration.

The IOE Annual Chinese Conference is the largest opportunity of its kind in the UK for teaching professionals to gather, share new ideas and best practice specifically in the subject area of Mandarin Chinese and about China. This year's conference will take place at IOE in central London on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 June 2014.

Guidance for session proposals

Session proposals should be brief (100- 250 words) and include the following:

- a working title
- the subject matter
- the format of the session
- clear learning outcome(s) for participants
- your full name and the names any other people involved in the presentation (no more than three presenters in total)

The workshop sessions are scheduled for **50 minutes** and should include sufficient time for questions and answers.

The selection panel will favour workshop proposals that can:

- Offer practical hands-on advice from teaching professionals and for teaching professionals
- Support the conference theme and strands (as listed above)
- Refer to examples from experience (and research where available): what works and what does not
- Emphasise new ideas, innovative approaches and fresh perspectives

We would like to encourage anyone with an idea to submit a proposal and warmly welcome submissions from all stages and backgrounds.

Workshop speakers will be invited by the IOE Confucius Institute team, based on the best proposals received.

Please note: Proposals that advertise promote particular products or services will not be considered for the main conference sessions.

We look forward to receiving your proposals by **5pm, Friday 21 February 2014**

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